# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
# LOK SABHA

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HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION AS A KEY INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that housing and construction industry has requested the Government to declare the housing and construction as a key infrastructure sector; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION ( SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL )

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The representations were received in the Ministry of Finance from various bodies of the housing and construction industry as well as from certain Chambers of Commerce, for declaring the housing and construction section a key infrastructure sector. The suggestions were duly considered during the budget exercise and the government`s response is contained in the Finance Bill, 2002 already laid on the Table of both the Houses.